

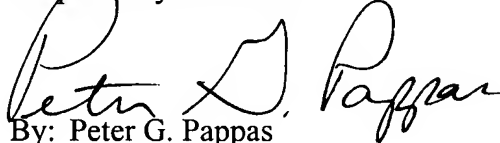
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments eliminate the multiple dependencies of the original claims of the application, and add two new dependent claims. The filing fee of this application is based on the claims after entry of the Preliminary Amendment. After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, this application includes claims 1-9.

The Notice to File Missing Parts requests an English translation of the specification and a verification, but that was previously mailed to the Patent Office on January 26, 2004 along with a claim of foreign priority.

If there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (404) 853-8064.

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